



Elijah W. Sterling

February 18, 1933 - November 21, 2019

Elijah W. Sterling of Dover, DE, went home to be with the Lord on November 21, 2019.

Born in Crisfield, MD, on February 18, 1933, he was the son of the late Charles and Laura Mae Sterling. A proud veteran, Mr. Sterling served in the US Air Force. He worked as a printer for LifeLine in Dallas, TX, and Tidewater Publishing in Centreville, MD.

Mr. Sterling enjoyed ministering to residents of Corsica Hills Nursing Home, and singing gospel music in churches. He was a member of Henderson Church of Christ in Christian Union.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Sterling and Gilbert Sterling; and three sisters, Evelyn Hulse, Dorothy Ammons and Mary Phippin.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Bess Marie Sterling; two brothers, Austin Sterling and David Sterling; a sister, Nancy Van Alstine; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 11 am, on Wednesday, November 27, at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Centreville, MD, where

friends and family may visit beginning at 10 am. Burial will follow the service at Chesterfield Cemetery in Centreville.

Cemetery Details

Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elijah W. Sterling*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 25, 2019 at 03:05 PM



“ *Elijah W. Sterling*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Elijah W. Sterling*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Elijah W. Sterling*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Bess: We all have been so blessed to know Eli. His voice and harmonica will be so missed at Corsica Hills on Thursday evenings. Pretty sure he is singing and playing now for God. May all your memories sustain you and may God wrap his arms around you and comfort you. God's blessings and love, Judy Cahall*

JUDITH C CONLEY - November 26, 2019 at 07:54 PM

MF

“ Margaret Ann, Judy, Debbie and families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elijah W. Sterling.



Margaret Ann, Judy, Debbie and families - November 25, 2019 at 10:46 AM

BN

“ A good friend with many good memories from the 1960{s} in Glen Burnie, Md. Our condolences to the family.
Bill and Jackie Neff

Bill Neff - November 25, 2019 at 10:45 AM

DJ

“ David & Kathy Wenck Jr lit a candle in memory of Elijah W. Sterling



David & Kathy Wenck Jr - November 25, 2019 at 05:55 AM

JC

“ Joann Collins lit a candle in memory of Elijah W. Sterling



Joann Collins - November 24, 2019 at 08:42 PM

JM

“ Joe Mullikin lit a candle in memory of Elijah W. Sterling



Joe Mullikin - November 24, 2019 at 05:46 PM

HA

“ I know Eli is harmonizing with the angels in Heaven right now. How he loved to sing. I will miss my singing buddy and the many times we gathered around the piano to praise God in song. He had a wonderful sense of humor. He will be missed by all. Our love and prayers go out to you Bess.
Harold

Harold - November 24, 2019 at 03:29 PM

FP

“ To Bess and the family..A true GEM has gone HOME to be with the LORD. May he forever RIP...Faye Patterson



Faye Patterson - November 24, 2019 at 03:04 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elijah W. Sterling.



November 23, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elijah W. Sterling.



November 23, 2019 at 05:27 PM



“ So sorry for your lost I know Mr. Eli from Tidewater Publishing in Centreville Md. He was a really nice man he will be missed dearly



Lori Middleton - November 23, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Elijah W. Sterling.



November 23, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Elijah W. Sterling



Centreville Methodist Women - November 23, 2019 at 02:03 PM

LS

“ Love, Chuck & Cece Sterling purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Elijah W. Sterling.



Love, Chuck & Cece Sterling - November 23, 2019 at 01:43 PM



“ Heaven has welcomed another faithful servant. Our love and prayers for dear friend, Bess, from Don and Betty Seymour

Betty Seymour - November 23, 2019 at 12:08 PM

CK

“ Charlene Klabe lit a candle in memory of Elijah W. Sterling



Charlene Klabe - November 23, 2019 at 11:43 AM

CK

Many memories of Eli....prayers are with you Bess. Charlene...❤️

Charlene Klabe - November 23, 2019 at 11:44 AM

EF

“ What a great man. He was there to talk to anytime you needed. Wise beyond all belief and could make you laugh when you didn't want to. Heaven got good one.

Eli Ford - November 23, 2019 at 10:54 AM

WH

“ *William & Mary Holden lit a candle in memory of Elijah W. Sterling*



William & Mary Holden - November 23, 2019 at 10:43 AM

AC

“ *Bess, you continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. We will all miss Eli so much. He was one of the most caring, gentle and thoughtful men we've ever met. Even when his health became compromised, he never skipped a beat in bringing songs to others especially those who had few means of getting out to enjoy this joyful music. His passion was sharing God's love and he did just that without regard for how he was feeling. He had a humorous side and loved telling jokes. We would always share a "corny" joke when in each other's company. After receiving "Alexa" for Christmas a couple of years ago, he would ask her to share a joke which would always end with his infectious smile appearing and a chuckle or two. He certainly made the world a better place. Rest in peace, Eli.*

Ann O. Campbell - November 23, 2019 at 09:22 AM

SW

“ *Sharon and Bobby Ward purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Elijah W. Sterling.*



Sharon and Bobby Ward - November 23, 2019 at 09:20 AM

TB

“ *Tim And Esther Blackiston sent a virtual gift in memory of Elijah W. Sterling*



Tim and Esther Blackiston - November 23, 2019 at 09:16 AM

LP

“ *Lynda And Gene Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Elijah W. Sterling*



Lynda and Gene Palmatary - November 23, 2019 at 09:01 AM

LP

Bess...thinking of you in the loss of Eli. What a great Christian man. He was loved by so many and he did so much for others. Our prayers and blessings are with you during this sad time, but he is surely with the Lord. God Bless, Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Lynda and Gene Palmatary - November 23, 2019 at 09:04 AM

BH

“ *Brenda Hahn lit a candle in memory of Elijah W. Sterling*



Brenda Hahn - November 23, 2019 at 08:42 AM

MB

“ *Michael Beaver lit a candle in memory of
Elijah W. Sterling*



Michael Beaver - November 23, 2019 at 08:40 AM

RB

“ *Bess, we just learned of the passing of Eli and we are both
heartbroken for you. He was a sweet, gentle man and we always
looked forward to being with you. May the Lord bind up your broken
heart and leave you with only treasured memories. Emily and I are
are both praying for you.*


Rev. and Mrs. Mike Buchanan - November 23, 2019 at 07:27 AM

DU

“ *He will be missed prayers to all*



donna usilton - November 23, 2019 at 06:58 AM

 Larry D
Wolfgang

“ *Early Saturday morning, 1978, Eli, Bess, Pam and I left the Eastern Shore for my brother Randy’s wedding in Beckley, WV. Following the blissful wedding, we were exhausted and searched for a motel. Unfortunately, that was the weekend for the WV Fair, and Bluegrass Music Festival. We stopped at numerous motels, no vacancies. Remember, this was before bag phones and Google. In the wee hours of the morning, fighting sleep, we traveled to Glen Bernie, MD, before stopping to rest. The redeeming gem of that midnight ride, was being cooped up with Eli and Bess in their Oldsmobile while the rest of the world was fast asleep. Memories are an awesome gift.*

Larry D Wolfgang - November 23, 2019 at 03:31 AM

MB

“ *It truly will be a blessing to see Eli again. I thank the Lord for letting Bonnie and I spend Thursday evenings with him the past couple of years.*

Mikey and Bon Bon - November 22, 2019 at 09:38 PM

PM

“ *What a great, godly man! His influence and wisdom will be missed!*

Pastor Tim Mateer - November 22, 2019 at 09:05 PM

DJ

“ *It was always a joy to hear him sing. He certainly loved the Lord. May he continue to sing up above. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Dawn and Paul Jones - November 22, 2019 at 08:27 PM



“ *Connie Dixon lit a candle in memory of Elijah W. Sterling*



Connie Dixon - November 22, 2019 at 08:13 PM



“ *He was a great man remembering the many Sunday's in church when I was younger gonna be missed*

Connie Dixon - November 22, 2019 at 08:13 PM

MR

“ *It has been a blessing to know Eli, I will miss him.*



Mary Reedy - November 22, 2019 at 08:07 PM

SD

*Bess, have you in my thoughts and prayers!
Sara Jane*

sara jane davidson - November 23, 2019 at 09:05 PM